

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	4/1/2025	12/19/2024	

Extraordinary Change Reason

There are no legitimate reasons for trainer, owners, riders, and grooms to have these substances on the grounds of a Federation Licensed Competition, and horse welfare is at risk.

Rule Change Intent

There are some substances that non-veterinarians should not have in their possession or use on the grounds of a Federation Licensed Competition, due to the potential threat of abuse for competitive advantage.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Linked Rules

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/25/2024 **Draft 1:** The committee agreed with majority of the rule change, however, they would like more clarity with letter k. It would be a hardship for each animal that uses the same medication to have their own bottle when traveling. Some of these medications should be available should an emergency when trailering arise. The committee also questioned how you would be able to tell if the medication was given PO or through IV on a drug test.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2024 **Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the intent of the rule change and the list of injectable substances, but requires point K addressed in regards to herd health practices with the usage of substances that are not prescribed by a vet to a particular horse. The committee would approve of the rule change if the verbiage in point K was revised as presented by Dr. Schumacher during the meeting.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/26/2024 **Draft 1:** The committee agrees with the intent of the rule change and the list of injectable substances, but needs point K addressed in regards to herd health practices with the usage of substances such as Bute, Banamine, Ace that are not prescribed by a vet to a particular horse; this portion of the rule is not practical as currently written.

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2024 **Draft 1:** The committee is in favor of items a-j, but wants the language in k. reworked. If the language was revised to remove the requirement of having a specific horse's name on the prescription, the committee would vote in favor, as they understand and support the need for medications to have appropriate labeling.

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/26/2024

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2024 **Draft 1:** Disapprove as currently written, but agree with principle ... The group addressed objections with item K, noting that certain medications (Bute/banamine/dexamethoanzone etc.) may not be prescribed for specific horses, but are often on hand for emergency situations. It was also noted that their should be considerations for facilities that are emergency receptors or vet based facilities.

Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2024

Endurance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/19/2024

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/19/2024

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/18/2024

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent of the rule change and points a thru j of the rule, but would like to see changes made to point k to remove the need for each individual horse to have a medication prescribed to them by proof of the label for such substances used commonly for overall herd health.

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/20/2024

Human and Equine, Safety & Welfare

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/16/2024

Draft 1: The Committee agrees with the intent and agrees with points a-j, but believes there must be clarity provided around point k.

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2024

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/09/2024

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent but believes the language needs to be cleaned up. There is concern about this impacting venues which have vet clinics on grounds, and we would like to see section K clarified.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2024

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent of the rule change and the list of injectable substances, but needs point K addressed in regard to herd health practices with the usage of substances that are not prescribed by a vet to a particular horse. The committee approves of the revisions to point K verbally shared by Dr. Schumacher on the call.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2024

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent, however, it was recommended that item k be updated to "Any prescription without an appropriate label", as one prescription may be used for multiple horses/ponies.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2024

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the intent of the rule change, but needs point K addressed in regards to herd health practices with the usage of substances that are not individually prescribed to each horse.

Paso Fino

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/26/2024

Draft 1: The committee was in favor of a-j, however, there were real concerns over the language being proposed in k. Often times, multiple animals will be prescribed the same medications. It is unrealistic to expect each horse to have it's own medication bottle when traveling.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/25/2024

Draft 1: The committee agreed with majority of the rule change, however, they would like more clarity with letter k. It would be a hardship for each animal that uses the same medication to have their own bottle when traveling. Some of these medications should be available should an emergency when trailering arise. The committee also questioned how this information would be shared to the membership so they would be aware to remove from vehicles.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/27/2024

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/12/2024

Draft 1: Definitely approve of concept of rule change, would like to see referenced rewrite of section k that has updates and more detail about the prescriptions for horses. Looking forward to draft 2.

Vaulting

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2024

Draft 1: The VSC has concerns over the enforcement of this proposal as it relates to laws regarding searching private property and disclosure of medical prescription records. Also, it is noted that many dispensing containers may not have the prescription details on it as it is included on outside packaging and some state laws do not require certain medications to be prescribed to a specific horse.

Veterinary

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/05/2024

Draft 1: The committee agrees with the majority of the rule change and would approve with the removal of item k.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2024

Draft 1: The committee is not in support of the clarification as written. Many on the committee support a-j, but not k due to medications that are used for multiple horses (eg. Banamine). Another concern raised was about oxytocin used for breeding mares being in a medication box and not wishing to have to remove these for each show.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/16/2024

Draft 1: The committee is in favor on a-j, but are not supportive of k due to "herd health" medications that might not be prescribed to one horse.

Heather Sullivan

Draft #1

I am not in favor of this proposed rule with regard to subsection (k) ("any prescription medication in any formulation..."). Certain prescription medications are provided on a non-horse-specific basis by veterinarians to barns to have on hand for emergency use (e.g. Banamine). It is common to travel to shows with an "emergency kit" containing these medications so that immediate care can be given while awaiting veterinarian arrival in the event of an emergency. These medications are permitted to be used with a recommended "last dose" timing prior to competition. Any prescription medication on the permitted list should be excluded from this rule.

Susannah Lewis

Draft #1

As a veterinarian and USEF competitor I strongly support almost all these changes. There are two concerns I have regarding the labeling of medication. First, I would recommend including that compounded medications must have all active ingredients listed (this is already standard on FDA approved medications as well). Yes, this is a legal requirement in every state I've practiced however there are several disreputable compounding pharmacies that will label something "skin salve" or "performance vitamins" etc with absolutely no indication what is in them. I have run across this numerous times working as a horse show vet. Second, I think the requirement to have every medication labeled for the individual horse, while in some ways very appropriate and possibly even a legal requirement, is going to be very challenging or at least require a HUGE education effort to get compliance from vets and competitors. Many show barns operate on a herd basis more than an individual basis for common medications, particularly those that are USEF legal (bute, banamine, Equioxx, gastroguard), which are often brought for first aid use or by some barns given widely to many of their competing horses (never my recommendation but we all know it happens). Would gastroguard require a label (and be a violation if unlabeled) but ulcerguard not because it is over the counter, even though it is the same medication? There are a few grey areas I think it is best to consider ahead of formalizing the rule. Perhaps better wording would be that any medication requiring a medication report form if given should be required to be labeled for the individual horse? Because any medication report form should have a prescribing veterinarian listed. All the other labeling requirements seem appropriate to me.

Archibald Cox

Draft #1

Who is responsible for enforcing this rule? Are stewards meant to search tack trunks? Seems impossible to enforce except drug testing.

Debora King

Draft #1

I object to item K. Every horseman I know of that shows has an emergency medicine kit. These items would include brute, banimine, preicox. All purchased from our vets to be used on the horses we haul to the show if necessary. How are you going to enforce such a rule? Search our tack rooms? You should NOT penalize all horseman for the actions of a few bad apples.

Roger Gray

Draft #1

TYPO?

Although one can see the intent of the verbiage in the proposed revision to GR414 .8 (Tracking # 107-24) the verbiage is a little confusing and suggests that prohibited material is ok for possession and use by a veterinarian. Without expressing any opinion on the substance, may I suggest the following change for clarity:

". . . unless it is in the possession of a veterinarian, not yet prescribed, and is not otherwise prohibited under these rules. "

Happy to email a redline if desired.

Amber Asbell-Jackson

Draft #1

Regarding 414.8K "any prescription medication without a label identifying the horse for whom it's prescribed..." There are several prescription medications, if not all, listed under the USEF restricted medication dose and time recommendation table that are broadly dispensed under farm accounts. It would be very costly and cumbersome for trainers and owners to be required to provide each and every horse receiving these medications their own prescription.

GR 414 Prohibited Practices

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6. It is a prohibited practice to administer bisphosphonates, except in horses four years of age or older and when using bisphosphonates that are FDA approved for use in horses. GR411 must be followed.

7. It is a prohibited practice to compete in Federation competitions with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy (i.e. surgical opening through the skin into the trachea).

8. It is a prohibited practice to use and/or possess any of the following substances on competition grounds:

- a. *Injectable ACTH*
- b. *Injectable Adenosine*
- c. *Injectable Formaldehyde*
- d. *Injectable Magnesium Sulfate*
- e. *Injectable Melatonin*
- f. *Injectable Oxytocin*
- g. *Injectable Pentobarbital, except by a veterinarian for the purpose of euthanasia*
- h. *Injectable Thiamine*
- i. *Injectable Tryptophan*
- j. *Liquid Nitrogen*
- k. *Any injectable prescription medication in any formulation without a label identifying ~~the horse for whom it is prescribed~~, the person to whom the medication was dispensed, pharmacy, prescription date, and prescribing veterinarian, unless it is in the possession of a veterinarian and not yet prescribed or otherwise prohibited under these rules.*

9. It is a prohibited practice to rectally administer any substance on the grounds of a Federation competition.